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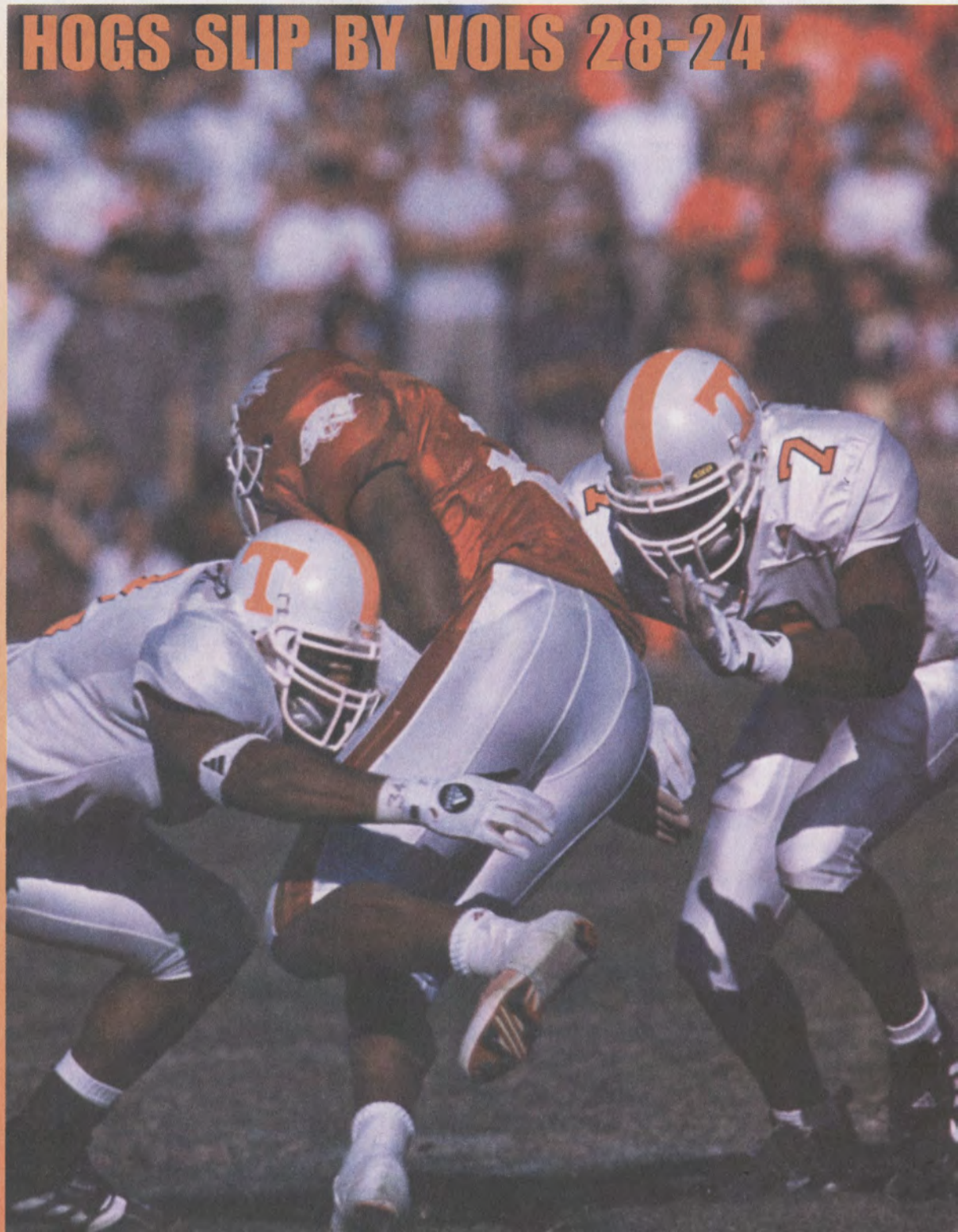

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LETTERMEN'S FALL WEEKEND

Coach Jerry Green and his Vol basketballers will meet the Blackbirds from Long Island University at 7:30 p.m. Fri., Nov. 26, in the Thompson-Boling Arena. Tickets are still available from the UT ticket office by dialing (865) 656-1200.

Many events related to this weekend will also take place Sat., Nov. 27. Here is a tentative schedule.

9 a.m.

Attend the ground-breaking ceremony for our Lettermen's *Wall of Fame* (outside of Neyland-Thompson Sports Complex, located on Johnny Majors Drive).

9:45 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The brunch for "T" Club Members & Guests will be held in the Ray Mears Room, located on the first floor of the Thompson-Boling Arena.

10 a.m.

The Lettermen's Room will open for its usual gameday activities. It will also be open for two hours following the game.

10:30 a.m.

Don't forget about the annual "T" Club meeting, which will be held in the Ray Mears Room.

Noon

The Tennessee vs Vanderbilt game kicks off in Neyland Stadium. Remember that the returning Lettermen have the opportunity to form a "T" to welcome the players back for halftime warm-ups.

ALL LETTERMEN ARE INVITED TO MEET AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE FOOTBALL FIELD AT LEAST FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE END OF HALFTIME TO FORM A TUNNEL FOR THE TEAM TO RUN THROUGH AS IT RETURNS TO THE FIELD.

Note that this is an opportunity provided for returning Lettermen only.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING CHILDREN OR OTHER GUESTS AS YOU COME TO THE FIELD.

—Judy Constantine

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Although this is the President's Column, this week I have made it the President-Elect's Column. Fortunately our president, Don Bosch, offered little resistance to the submission of this article.

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Wendell Anderson. I am scheduled to become president of this group August 2001. That is if my children don't kill me first.

In our lives, we all have a couple of things in common, including our memories and regrets. I moved away from Knoxville and returned in 1991. I, along with Dennis Wolfe and Nate Sumpter, two of my teammates, decided to organize an annual reunion of former football players with whom we were close to. We decided to meet every homecoming at Cal Johnson Recreation Center. It has been, simply put, a wonderful event. The thrill of the moment when seeing someone like Steve Davis come from Illinois with his entire family, or Russ Williams and his wife, is impossible to describe. Even on occasion, we get visits from former coaches and special friends like Jim Dyar and our surrogate mom, Judy Constantine.

All of us have special memories about our friendships and our ability to renew them at this occasion. Some of my fondest include when "Bird," a-k-a Jimmy Streater, showed up and stayed as long as he could before he had to leave for another engagement. Another was when long time personal hero, Jackie Walker stopped by and visited with us. The only regret is that more of our former teammates do not get a chance to come by during this annual event.

With that said, I urge all of my friends and teammates to remember that the T-Club is about meetings like I have described. Although Dennis, Nate and I continue our reunion for as long as possible, please know that there is a place for everyone in the T-Club. For my friends and teammates reading this column, please join. These reunions can occur many times a year if you will only participate.

Wendell Anderson
Football 1980

EDITOR'S NOTE:

To those who are wondering about the status of your Basketball Media Guide, they are due to be mailed out by the end of this week (Nov. 18).

We have received numerous calls this season regarding slow mail delivery. We appreciate each call and understand your concern. We have responded by speaking to several of your postal carriers and with the main post office numbers. We have received some assistance on local levels, but have met with little success on others. This issue should reach your door step 10 days after the printed date on the back cover. If not then it has been tied up in the mail system.

If this has been the case for your subscription please notify your local post office and express your concern to them about the frequent slow delivery of your magazine. With your help we may get things moving in a more positive direction. We apologize for the inconvienence during this football season.

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THE FIRST WORD. . .

CHAMPS Program

The University of Tennessee CHAMPS/LifeSkills program has achieved many of its goals through the years as numerous UT student-athletes have gone on to enjoy successful careers in a variety of fields. However, success is not always available in neat little quantifiable packages like job hirings or GPA. The challenge for the UT CHAMPS/LifeSkills program is to expose student-athletes to issues and information that does not always clearly manifest its value. It is hard to measure, for instance, how much value drug education and anti-violence programs have. Yet that should not and thankfully does not preclude UT and many other schools from offering programs aimed at developing the student-athlete as a person.

On Nov. 17, UT will host a program for its student-athletes featuring Lin Dawson, Chief Operating Officer of the National Consortium of Academics and Sports (NCAS). Dawson will provide motivational and informational speaking on a variety of issues ranging from alcohol awareness to anti-violence measures.

Dawson has been the C.O.O. of the NCAS since September and is responsible for overseeing the expansion of NCAS membership from 186 schools to over 200 in the next few years. His other duties include overseeing rigorous program evaluations, marketing services to members, coordinating the efforts of the regional offices and working with member institutions to identify needs.

Before joining the Consortium, Dawson served as Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs/Football and Student-Athlete Development at North Carolina St. University. While at NC State he directed ImPACK, a program that focused on the total development of student-athletes including academic, athletic, personal, career and leadership skills. The ImPACK program was one of four programs honored with a "Program of Excellence" award by the NCAA in 1997, the same honor bestowed upon Tennessee earlier this year.

Prior to joining the N.C. State Athletic Department, he served as the Associate Director for Training and Education at the Center for the Study of Sport in Society at Northeastern University where he directed project TEAMWORK, a national initiative to reduce prejudice and violence among youth. In the three years under Dawson's direction, the program won two national awards: A World of Difference Institute's 1992 "Campus of Difference Award" as the country's best campus- based anti-prejudice program and the Peter F. Drucker Foundation's 1993 Award for Nonprofit Innovation. In June 1994, the White House named Project TEAMWORK as the country's best conflict resolution program.

Dawson played 10 years in the NFL with the New England Patriots and was a member of the AFC Championship team of 1985. Dawson is currently completing his MBA degree and is an ordained minister.

Dawson is a tremendous motivational speaker who has an impressive track record of providing quality leadership for student-athletes. His visit to the UT campus on Nov. 17 will mark one of the major events in 1999 for UT's CHAMPS/LifeSkills program. Director Vincent Martin is pleased to bring NCAS back to campus to help fulfill the personal development component of the Life/Skills program.

—Office of Student Life

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In Our Next Issue: Player Profile, Basketball results, Tennessee News & Notes and a look at a former Vol who really pitched in to help the Knoxville community and the United Way.

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Arkansas 28, Tennessee 24...

Vols' Final Drive Comes Up Short

Razorback Stadium, Fayetteville, Ark., game no. 1038 (697-288-53, .697)

For the second straight year, the final score between Tennessee and Arkansas was 28-24.

For the second straight year, the home team celebrated and the visiting team left town thinking about what might have been. It's been that way the past two seasons.

Arkansas and Tennessee battled fiercely for nearly 60 minutes and, like 1998, it came down inside the last two minutes before the ultimate winner was decided.

Tennessee, which led at halftime 17-14 despite all kinds of adversity and led 24-14 in the third quarter, had one last do-or-die drive to grab the brass ring. The Vols got it as close as the UA 17, but couldn't pull the trigger on a game-winning play.

When Tee Martin's pass for a streaking Cedrick Wilson went sailing out of the end zone, Arkansas had the game. A tumultuous celebration ensued after the final gun that lasted well past the final gun and included the dismantling of the goalposts at each end of the field. It was an early (and perhaps unexpected) beginning to an expansion project at the south end of the field.

The Volunteers died hard and could only look to their final series of the first half and their final series of the game as likely turning points. It was a hard-to-take loss, but a loss nevertheless.

Tennessee got off to a rocky start, as Arkansas intercepted a pass on Tennessee's second play from scrimmage and David Barrett returned the oskie 43 yards for a score. Your instructional manual for Football 101 says never give an underdog an early break.

The Vols survived well enough to take a 10-7 lead early in the second quarter and lead 17-14 at halftime.

When Travis Henry, who had 79 yards in 10 carries in the day, ran 28 yards for a score in the third quarter, you had the feeling that all was going to be right with the world.

It wasn't to be.

"We have to see where our character is now, " Henry said. "Things didn't go our way. We had a couple of turnovers and it hurt our momentum. We shouldn't have any excuses.

"This loss hurts, but we have to come back and fight hard. We weren't mentally ready. We had the better team, but they played harder."

Arkansas responded immediately with a touchdown drive that cut the margin to 24-21 and made their last drive of the day (excluding the obligatory kneel-down in the final moments) a big one.

It was eight plays, 80 yards in 3:24, effectively mixing the run and the pass, en route to the game-winning score.

As we mentioned, the Vols had their chance late and you wondered what type of magic Tee Martin and mates would pull out of their pockets to steal a 31-28 win. It didn't happen, but there were a number of anxious moments on both sides of the field as the Vols inexorably

Vol defenders get after a Razorback running back, led by Dominique Stevenson (28) and John Henderson (98).

moved goalward.

From the 32, Tee rushed for 9 and hit Eric Parker for 9 more. Martin then hit Donte' Stallworth for 8 more and got everybody's attention. It was fourth-and-2 at the UA 42 when Martin hit Stallworth for 6 yards and a first down at the 36.

"It was a tough day," Tee said. "We came out ready to play. We got up and down the field at will. They made the key stops on third down, though.

"They had a good plan. We knew it would be a good challenge after last year. It always hurts to lose. I've had a great career and I look forward to finishing it out strong. It wasn't our day. They didn't stop us until they had to. We couldn't connect on one deep ball. This game hurts more than Florida."

Donte' made an extra effort move to push the chains downfield and the Vols were helped immeasurably when Arkansas was called for illegal helmet contact and the mistake moved the spheroid 15 yards closer. They got part of it back when Martin was called for intentional grounding a play later. Tee then hit Wilson for 12 yards to the 17.

Tennessee had two shots and couldn't convert and that was that. The PA announcer's plea not to go on the field

Tee Martin (17) prepares to hand the ball off in Saturday's game at Arkansas.

WHAT OTHERS SAID...

"The hope here is that Houston Nutt had enough game balls to go around. There were certainly enough Razorback players deserving - coaches, too - for bouncing back from their poorest showing in two years at Ole Miss last week and knocking off the No. 3 team in the country, 28-24, at Razorback Stadium on a picture-perfect college football Saturday afternoon in Fayetteville. It will be recorded as the greatest victory for an Arkansas football team in almost two decades and one that will be remembered for decades to come."

—Mike Dail, Northwest Arkansas Times

"The hurt ran so deep after Arkansas' deflating loss at Ole Miss last week that a few players wanted to skip school to avoid their classmates turned critics. Propping everybody's head back up took a couple of days. That included the staff, which received one of Coach Houston Nutt's patented pep talks. When it might have seemed suitable to use a whip in practice, Nutt instead backed off and reinforced to his players how much he believed in them by lightening practices. On Saturday, the Razorbacks not only washed away last week's hurt, they purged a year of anguish that had been festering since a heart-wrenching loss at Tennessee last season. They played down the revenge factor all week. But after quarterback Clint Stoerner ran out the final 1:23, kneeling with both arms cradling the ball to his stomach, the Razorbacks couldn't help but revel in the sweet symmetry of their 28-24 victory over the third-ranked Vols."

—Scott Cain, Arkansas Democrat Gazette

"Tennessee officially lost the national championship Saturday afternoon at Razorback Stadium. The Vols had proudly worn the crown as king of college football for 313 days and figured they'd get a chance to keep it another year. The Razorbacks got in the way. Much to the delight of 52,815 sun-splashed fans, Arkansas rallied in the fourth quarter to upset No. 3-ranked Tennessee. The 28-24 victory was the Hogs' first against a team with a winning record."

—Bob Stephens, Springdale Morning News

"Razorback Stadium lost a couple of goal posts Saturday and Clint Stoerner, the quarterback who calls it home, lost a monkey off his back. And No. 3 Tennessee lost a national championship dream just when it was beginning to seem real. It's been quite a ride for the Vols over the past two seasons, winning one national championship and fighting back into the hunt for another. But it's over now, dead and buried by a 28-24 Arkansas upset."

—Mike Strange, Knoxville News-Sentinel

"The ball was on the Arkansas 17, fourth-and-six, barely a minute to go, and Tennessee was trailing by four points. So what's the sweat? Piece of cake, right? UT has been there and done that so many times in the last couple of seasons that we have come to expect some Houdini act, a sleight-of-Vol trick, something that would defy logic and defeat Arkansas. What would it be this time? A phantom pass interference call? A defensive back stopping to tie his shoe and letting a receiver break free? An orange hand reaching from the heavens to part the defense and clear a path to the end zone? Or maybe Clint Stoerner would run onto the field and rough the quarterback so the Vols could get another shot. But a funny thing happened on the way to the Sugar Bowl. Tee Martin threw a pass. Cedrick Wilson couldn't catch it. There were no penalty flags. No second chances. And no shot at a repeat national championship."

—David Climer, The Tennessean

"Unranked and unheralded Arkansas made national headlines Saturday. Bumped out of the national Top 25 with a surprising loss eight days ago to Mississippi, the Razorbacks had more ups and fewer downs than third-ranked Tennessee on Saturday and did some bumping of their own, jarring the Volunteers right out of the Bowl Championship Series selection process with a 28-24 decision."

—Ward Gossett, Chattanoooga Times & Free Press

"Last year, victory slipped through their hands. This year, the Arkansas Razorbacks seemed to pull victory out of the air. The Hogs stunned No.-3-ranked and defending national champion Tennessee, 28-24, Saturday afternoon before 52,815 at Razorback Stadium. Last year, Arkansas lost - 28-24, fittingly - when quarterback Clint Stoerner stumbled as he took a snap, fumbled the football as he tried to steady himself, and Tennessee recovered with 1:43 left. The Vols then rumbled for the game-winning touchdown. This year, the Razorbacks didn't just get revenge, they also derailed another Tennessee dream season. The Vols were No. 2 in the Bowl Championship Series rankings, which determine the title-game matchup."

—David Williams, Memphis Commercial Appeal

was honored more in the breach rather than in the observance and, as former Vol announcer John Ward so cogently stated after the 1998 Florida game, "Pandemonium reigned."

All of this is not to say that Tennessee didn't have its moments and a chance to win. They did.

Alex Walls kicked a 43-yard field goal the series after Barrett's interception and Jamal Lewis scored a TD on a 1-yard run. Martin cut across the grain and outlegged everybody to the southwest corner and the Vols somehow led 17-14 at the half.

Raynoch Thompson had an interception off Clint Stoerner on the tip drill from Will Overstreet and the Vols cashed that break in for another TD, as Henry took an innocent-looking pitch left, got key blocks from Neil Johnson and Will Bartholomew and zoomed down the east side to another score. No one knew that would be the Vols' last score of the day, but it was.

Martin completed 22 of 44 passes on the day for 311 yards and had a long ball of 44 yards to Wilson. Stallworth had seven catches for 78 yards to lead the Vols and Parker added four for 57. Lewis had three catches for 57 yards and came within the edge of a shoe on the white stripe of going all the way on one of them.

"It was a tough game," Lewis said. "We played hard and they played hard. We have to keep our heads up and get ready for Kentucky. After the turnover, we kept playing hard.

"It's hard to take this loss. We have to learn how to take a loss and move on. Things happen, just like Penn State and Minnesota.

"We expect to get the ball in the end zone when we get inside the 20, but their defense was tough when it needed to be."

The Vols had 480 net yards and a 34:21-25:39 bulge in time of possession. They converted nine of 17 third downs. This was balanced out by 10 penalties for 74 yards, six of the delay of game or the false start variety.

Vol defenders had no sacks and only two lost-yardage tackles and were led by Deon Grant with seven tackles and Andre Lott (with three breakups), Fred White and Raynoch Thompson with six each.

Constantine Ritzmann recovered a fumble that led to a Vol score. Shaun Ellis and John Henderson each had lost-yardage tackles.

— Volunteers Magazine Staff

Jamal Lewis had 47 yards rushing and 57 yards receiving against Arkansas and scored the Vols' first touchdown.

Division	Conference W	Conference L	Overall W	Overall L
EAST				
Florida	7	1	9	1
Tennessee	4	2	7	2
Georgia	4	3	6	3
Kentucky	4	3	6	4
Vanderbilt	2	5	5	5
S. Carolina	0	8	0	10
WEST				
Alabama	6	1	8	2
Miss. State	5	1	8	1
Ole Miss	4	2	7	2
Arkansas	3	3	6	3
Auburn	2	5	5	5
LSU	0	7	2	8

(As of Nov. 13)

SEC Scores

Mississippi State Bulldogs	**7**
Alabama Crimson Tide	**19**
Auburn Tigers	**38**
Georgia Bulldogs	**21**
Florida Gators	**20**
South Carolina Gamecocks	**3**
Houston Cougars	**20**
LSU Tigers	**7**
Kentucky Wildcats	**19**
Vanderbilt Commodores	**17**

Open -- Ole Miss Rebels

RANKINGS (AP & USA Today/ESPN)
UT 3 & 3, UA Not Ranked

GAME NOTES

Tee Martin set a career record for most rushing TDs by a quaterback with 15. Heath Shuler had 14 during his career (1991-93).

Raynoch Thompson had his second interception in as many games. It was his third career interception.

The Vols have scored at least two rushing touchdowns in each of their last six games.

Tee Martin moved into fourth place on the UT career passing list with 4276 yards, passing Heath Shuler's mark of 4088. Jeff Francis is third with 5867 yards. Andy Kelly had 6397 and Peyton Manning 11,201.

Statistics - Tennessee vs. Arkansas

Team Statistics	T	
First Downs	29	18
Rushing	8	8
Passing	16	9
Penalty	5	1
Rushing Attempts	39	30
Yards Gained	181	153
Yards Lost	12	9
Net Yards Rushing	169	144
Net Yards Passing	311	228
Passes Attempted	44	28
Passes Completed	22	18
Had Intercepted	1	1
Total Offensive Plays	83	58
Total Net Yards	480	372
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Int. Return-Yards	1-0	1-43
Penalties-Yards	10-74	7-59
Third Down Conversions	9-17	3-10
Fourth Down Conversions	1-2	0-0
Punts-Average	5-37.0	5-40.8
Punt Returns-Yards	3-23	2--4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-41	3-57
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	1-0
Time of Possession	34:21	25:39

SCORE BY QUARTER

TENNESSEE	**3**	**14**	**7**	**0 — 24**
ARKANSAS	**7**	**7**	**7**	**7 — 28**

SCORING SUMMARY

1A - David Barrett, interception return 43. Dodson kick.
Drive: 13:00 on clock.
1T - Walls, FG 43.
Drive: 54 yards, 12 plays,5:43 possession, 7:17 on clock.
2T - Lewis, run 1. Walls kick.
Drive: 30 yards, 7 plays, 2:32 possession, 14:11 on clock.
2A - Davenport, pass from Stoerner 6. Dodson kick.
Drive: 72 yards, 7 plays, 3:25 possession, 10:46 on clock.
2T - T. Martin, run 1. Walls kick.
Drive: 80 yards, 7 plays, 2:41 possession, 8:05 on clock.
3T - Henry, run 28. Walls kick.
Drive: 45 yards, 3 plays, 1:09 possession, 8:46.
3A - Williams, pass from Stoerner 53. Dodson kick.
Drive: 72 yards, 5 plays, 2:44 possession, 6:02 on clock.
4A - Lucas, pass from Stoerner 23. Dodson kick.
Drive: 80 yards, 8 plays, 3:24 possession, 3:44 on clock.

TENNESSEE INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Henry	10	79	0	79	1	28
Lewis	19	52	5	47	1	11
T. Martin	7	507	7	43	1	19
Bartholomew	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	***39***	***181***	***12***	***169***	***3***	***28***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
T. Martin	44	22	1	311	0	44
Totals	***44***	***22***	***1***	***311***	***0***	***44***

RECEIVING	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Stallworth	7	78	0	24
C. Wilson	5	93	0	44
Parker	4	57	0	18
Lewis	3	57	0	18
Graham	3	26	0	13
Totals	***22***	***311***	***0***	***44***

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	LP
Leaverton	5	185	37.0	44
Totals	***5***	***185***	***37.0***	***44***

PUNT RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Parker	3	23	7.7	0	15
Totals	***3***	***23***	***7.7***	***0***	***15***

KO RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
L. Scott	2	41	20.5	0	27
Totals	***2***	***41***	***20.5***	***0***	***27***

INT. RET.	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Thompson	1	0	0	0
Totals	***1***	***0***	***0***	***0***

FGs	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+LK
Walls			1/1		43
Totals			***1/1***		***43***

ARKANSAS INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	TD	Lg
Cobbs	15	107	0	107	0	24
Chukwuma	10	37	1	36	0	11
Jenkins	1	9	0	9	0	9
Stoerner	1	0	0	0	0	0
Team	3	0	8	-8	0	0
Totals	***30***	***153***	***9***	***144***	***0***	***24***

PASSING	Att	Comp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Stoerner	28	18	1	228	3	53
Totals	***28***	***18***	***1***	***228***	***3***	***53***

RECEIVING	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Lucas	6	96	1	33
B. Williams	4	82	1	53
Smith	3	24	0	19
Davenport	2	8	1	6
Cobbs	1	14	0	14
M. Williams	1	3	0	3
Chukwuma	1	1	0	1
Totals	***18***	***228***	***3***	***53***

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	LP
Akin	5	204	40.8	44
Totals	***5***	***204***	***40.8***	***44***

PUNT RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Morreale	2	-4	-2.0	0	0
Totals	***2***	***-4***	***-2.0***	***0***	***0***

KO RET.	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
Cobb	3	57	19.0	0	22
Totals	***3***	***57***	***19.0***	***0***	***22***

INT. RET.	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Barrett	1	43	1	43
Totals	***1***	***43***	***1***	***43***

FGs	0-29	30-39	40-49	50-60	60+LK
Dodson	None Attempted				
Totals	***None Attempted***				

Fulmer File...
ARKANSAS GAME 1999

Arkansas, making big plays when it needed them and taking advantage of our numerous lapses, posted a well-deserved victory over the Vols before a supportive crowd of Razorback fans Saturday afternoon.

Trouble was clearly in the air when the Razorbacks ran back an interception for a touchdown on our first possession. From that point, it was a dog-eat-dog affair in which we were gunning for a game-winning touchdown in the closing moments.

But Arkansas wouldn't be denied. The Razorback defense kept us away from the goal and locked up an exciting win on a warm November afternoon. Congratulations are due for Coach Houston Nutt, his staff and players on a hard-earned victory.

We were outcoached and outplayed. The Razorbacks beat us physically and emotionally. We'll spend the next few days trying to figure out where we went wrong. Offhand, one thing I'm very disappointed about is that we made a lot of mistakes that are not characteristic of Tennessee.

Things like not converting our drive into points at the end of the half. Things like dropping passes in the open field. Those kinds of lapses are not typical of Tennessee. Starting Monday at practice, we will take steps to correct them.

Don't misunderstand me. I'm not getting after the receivers or the offense only. There was plenty of fault to go around. The defense gave up more running room than we're accustomed to seeing. It wasn't astonishing that Clint Stoerner completed some crucial passes, including the game-winner. We came to Fayetteville with a healthy respect for their passing game, for their receivers and for Stoerner, a seasoned and smart quarterback.

Over the years, we've been smooth as silk when it comes to taking the ball late in the half and making something happen to get points on the scoreboard. But we broke down today, and it cost us. We reached the Arkansas 13 with plenty of time left. Next thing you know, we were back at the 30 in punt formation and a penalty and a near sack.

Those clock management penalties are something I don't want to see in the future. We knew the referee ran a quick clock. That's no excuse. He ran it quick on Arkansas, too. It's up to us to play within the limitations of the clock.

The responsibility lies with all of us, whether we're on the bench, up in the coaches' booth, in the huddle and at the line of scrimmage. We had three delay of game penalties and three false start penalties. Those are errors that must be avoided.

It never was lack of effort on our part. We gave it all we had, but that simply wasn't good enough. As I said, Arkansas made big plays and we didn't.

Last year, we were equal to the challenge when we got the final opportunity. That's how we won. This time, given a last chance when we bogged down at the 42, the Razorbacks orchestrated an 80-yard scoring drive that gave them their 28-24 victory.

A good season is still within our reach. We face two of our toughest rivals in these final two games, Kentucky in Lexington and Vanderbilt at home in two weeks. This team has played with maturity, win or lose. We handle success well by avoiding complacency after we win. We stay hungry.

Now we face some adversity, and it will be interesting to see how we perform. I have full confidence we will put the Arkansas game behind us and come back to practice with the right attitude.

—Phillip Fulmer

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Going into this season, he was No. 2 on the career passing yardage list (6397 yards) and No. 2 on the career yardage list (6497 yards).

He is still part of the longest TD pass in Vol annals, an 87-yarder to Carl Pickens in the 1991 Auburn game. He also had an 84-yarder to Anthony Morgan in the 1990 Cotton Bowl and an 82-yarder to Alvin Harper in the 1990 Auburn game.

He was named Offensive MVP of the 1991 team and was also an alternate captain.

You'll find Andy Kelly today on the Comcast delayed broadcasts of Tennessee football.

Andy Kelly had a productive career under center for the Vols from 1988-91.

Ben Byrd on the Vols...

The Forward Pass

The legalization of the forward pass was perhaps the most historic rules change college football has ever experienced. It provided the means of opening up the field both laterally and vertically, thus moving the game away from the old rugby scrum type of play that characterized the growing new sport a century ago.

Actually, the pass was born more out of desperation than offensive genius. The game had gotten so rough and so many player deaths had resulted that in 1905 a summit conference of the nation's collegiate leaders was held in New York under the stern eye of President Theodore Roosevelt. Teddy told them to get rid of the carnage or he would get rid of football. The forward pass was, in part, the answer to that ultimatum.

The pass was legalized in 1906, but it was a far cry from the sophisticated aerial game that we see today. Even though it was now a proper weapon, many of the rules of the game still discouraged its use. For example, at first an incomplete pass resulted in a 15-yard penalty for the offensive team. And with three downs to make 5 yards, instead of four to make 10, most teams still stressed the smash into the center of the line.

But the pass had been born, and it would not die. At Tennessee, as at most other schools, the coaches blended it, rather gingerly, into the offensive scheme.

The first Volunteer player to throw a forward pass was almost certainly J.C. (Floozy) Loucks, the quarterback of the 1906-08 teams. I got this firsthand from one of Loucks' teammates, Nathan W. Dougherty, who later became UT's longtime faculty chairman of athletics. This was some 25 years ago, and Dean Dougherty was rather far along in years himself, but his memory was still keen.

I don't recall when the first pass was thrown, but it had to be Floozy Loucks who threw it because our quarterbacks did our passing," Dougherty said. "Loucks was a good player, and he developed a sort of option move that worked very well at times. He would roll out, and the defensive players wouldn't know whether he was going to pass or run."

In those days the ball itself was one of the biggest drawbacks to a successful passing game. It was a fat blob of a thing, more of a globe than an egg, and the passer just could not get a proper grip on it. The standard method of delivery was to lay the ball on the lower arm and wrist, and dispatch it with a sort of slingshot motion. It was almost impossible to throw with accuracy for any considerable distance.

The pass became a major weapon for Tennessee in the perfect season of 1914. By this time many of the restrictive rules against its usage had been eased, and coach Zora Clevenger was eager to take advantage of its potential. And his assistant coach, Miller Pontius, a former All-America back at the University of Michigan, played a vital role in the development of the Volunteer passing game.

Pontius helped UT quarterback Bill May develop a grip and release that produced a tight spiral on the ball, a technique that was light years ahead of the old slingshot modus operandi. May became Tennessee's first true passing standout, and he hooked up with his favorite receiver, end Alonzo (Goat) Carroll, for both touchdowns in the historic 16-14 win over Vanderbilt that season. This was the first time the Vols had ever beaten their bitter cross-state rivals.

By the time Bob Neyland took over the Vol football fortunes in 1926, the pass had become an integral part of the game, although there were still some rules in force that tended to discourage its usage. I can recall seeing games in the 1930s when passers were still required to be at least 5 yards behind the line of scrimmage. And any pass that fell incomplete in the end zone resulted in a touchback, with the ball going over to the defensive team at its 20-yard line.

Although he was by no means a pass-happy coach, Neyland nonetheless used the weapon to his advantage. At first his quarterbacks - Roy Witt, Bobby Dodd and Deke Brackett - did the passing, but as his single wing system developed he turned all the passing chores over to the tailbacks, some of whom were quite gifted in that capacity. Charles (Pug) Vaughn of the early 1930s was an especially good passer, as were later tailbacks Phil Dickens and Babe Wood. The best of the pre-World War II passers was Buist Warren, an alternate tailback on the unbeaten and untied 1938-40 teams. Warren had a rifle arm, a quick release and pinpoint accuracy, and if he had come along in the T-formation era, he would most likely rank among the all-time Vol greats. But Neyland was fond of saying three things could happen when you threw the ball, and two of them were bad, so no passer had much of a chance to make a name for himself at Tennessee in those days.

Tennessee did not gain the reputation as a passing team until after the switch to the T-formation under Doug Dickey in 1964. Since then the record book has been rewritten many times, with each succeeding decade bringing forth two of three bright new stars to join the passing parade. Peyton Manning, of course, holds most of the Volunteer passing records. One could scarcely disagree with his reputation as UT's greatest ever, but the Vols have had many other gifted flingers over the years - Dewey Warren, Bobby Scott, Condredge Holloway, Alan Cockrell, Tony Robinson, Jeff Francis, Any Kelly, Heath Shuler and Tee Martin, just to name just a few.

Old Floozy Loucks really started something back in 1906.

Tennis Duo Bounced After Good Showing

The team of Adam Carey and Mark Parsons lost its semifinal match at the ITA Region 3 Championships against Chris McDonald and Matt Soto of Mississippi State 8-4. The Tennessee duo won two matches before being eliminated from the field. Carey and Parsons hold the No. 11 ranking in the country, while McDonald and Soto are currently unranked.

The Vols enjoyed a successful weekend at the tournament even though they did not produce any titles. Tennessee placed three players in the quarterfinal round and five players into the third round, both of which were more than any other school in the field. Peter Handoyo, Mark Parsons and Paul Podbury represented the Vols in the quarterfinals, while Adam Carey and Mark Fitzpatrick advanced to the third round. Parsons was the lone Vol to advance past the quarterfinals, but was defeated by No. 2 seed Justin O'Neal of Florida in the semifinal round.

The tournament was the Vols last of the fall season. Tennessee will resume tennis action again on January 4-9 at the Milwaukee Invitational.

Harris Tabbed As Pre-Season All-SEC

Tony Harris was selected as a member of the media's five-man preseason All-SEC squad during the league's annual Media Days Nov. 3-4. The junior guard from Memphis, one of 25 preseason selections for this year's John Wooden Award, was the Vols' second-leading scorer and one of the league leaders in assists last season (12.4). Harris was joined on the preseason All-SEC squad by Auburn's Chris Porter (F) and Doc Robinson (G), Florida's Mike Miller (F) and Jamaal Magloire (C) of Kentucky. Porter was the media's choice for player of the year honors.

Basketball Vols Picked to Finish Third

Tennessee was picked to finish third in the SEC's Eastern Division by the league's media attending SEC Media Days in Birmingham. Florida, which garnered 227 points in voting for the Eastern Division title, was the media's pick, while Kentucky had 188 points, followed closely by Tennessee (181), Vanderbilt (100), Georgia (85) and South Carolina (56).

The Gators received 30 first-place votes, while the Vols had seven and Kentucky three.

In the SEC West, Auburn was a unanimous pick for the No. 1 spot (40 votes) by the scribes. The Tigers were followed by Arkansas (177), Alabama (142), Mississippi State (121), LSU (67) and Ole Miss (58). The media liked Auburn to repeat as the overall SEC champions, earning the No. 1 spot on 29 ballots, followed by Florida (10), Kentucky (5) and Tennessee (2).

Basketball Vols Ranked 16th

Tennessee will open the 1999-2000 season ranked No. 16 by the coaches who vote in the ESPN/USA Today poll. UT is coming off a 21-9 campaign last season and its second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. The Vols are one of four SEC schools to begin this year among the nation's Top 25. Auburn is ranked No. 4 by the coaches, followed by Florida (8th) and Kentucky (12th).

Catchings and Randall Named Pre-Season All-Americas

Tamika Catchings, part of Chamique Holdsclaw's supporting cast during her first two seasons at Tennessee, stood on her own as the top vote-getter on The Associated Press preseason All-America team in women's basketball.

Catchings was the only repeater from last year's preseason team and appeared on 43 of 45 ballots cast by a national media panel.

Tennessee's Semeka Randall also made the team, along with UCLA's Maylana Martin, Connecticut's Svetlana Abrosimova and Georgia's Kelly Miller. Abrosimova received 37 votes, Martin 36, Miller 25 and Randall 18.

Martin is the only senior among the five. The rest are juniors.

With Holdsclaw in the WNBA, the 6-foot-1 Catchings becomes the Lady Vols' critical player. Coach Pat Summitt thinks Catchings is ready for that role after she averaged 16.6 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.6 steals last season and shot 51 percent.

Catchings becomes the third player placed on the preseason team more than once.

Holdsclaw was voted to the team three times and Connecticut's Kara Wolters twice.

Lady Vols Fall to Ole Miss in SEC

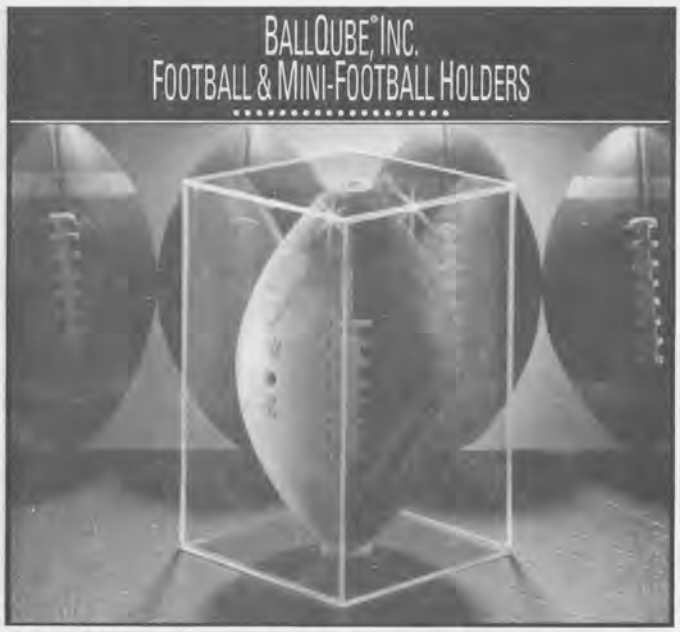
Only one ball found its way into the back of the net in the first round of the Southeastern Conference match-up between second-seeded Ole Miss and seventh seed Tennessee in Nashville. Unfortunately for the Lady Volunteers, junior Sara Shauberger of the Rebels registered her first career goal with a header off a direct kick with 4:59 remaining in the opening half to account for the lone score. First Team All-SEC midfielder Jennifer Soileau was credited with the assist on the play, providing enough offense to give Ole Miss its first Tourney victory ever.

For head coach Charlie MacCabe's squad, this was the club's second straight 1-0 setback in the post-season and marked the third straight time Tennessee has been blanked at SECs. Last season, host Alabama pinned a 1-0 loss on the Lady Vols and in 1996, Florida won by a 3-0 count over UT.

The Orange out-shot the Rebels, 17-11, including 9-3 in the second frame, but Ole Miss goal keeper Birna Bjornsdottir made nine saves to notch the shutout. Tennessee's Second Team All-SEC sophomore standout Allison Campbell had a game-high six shots on net, while senior Kendyl Michner and sophomore Jen Laughridge contributed four attempts apiece. However, the Lady Vols could not break into the scoring column.

With the defeat, UT concluded its fourth campaign at 8-11-1 overall, while Ole Miss improved to 13-8.

—Volunteers Magazine Staff



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Lady Vols Stun Team USA in Exhibition

Even if only in a preseason bout, games do mean something. Case in point was last week's matchup against the Team USA for the Lady Vols. Team USA had averaged beating their previous two opponents (UCLA and Stanford) by 50 points. Tennessee combined pressure defense with timely shooting to stun the US squad 64-63 in front of more than 7000 fans at Thompson-Boling Arena. Below are some comments from both coaches and players regarding the game.

TENNESSEE COACH PAT SUMMITT: "I think I'm going to have to answer some questions I hadn't planned to answer after this game. Obviously, I'm proud of the way we played. We worked hard on getting our transition game going. This was obviously our best effort so far. If you can't get inspired playing the National Team, you don't need to be playing. They're a veteran team. We told them you couldn't do anything about their age, but you could do something about heart. We had lapses. We struggled on offense. Defense and rebounding were the keys to our success.

"I was most pleased with our defense. It obviously affected them. We changed up a lot. We went from man to zone to three-quarter press. We gave them a lot of different looks, and that worked to our benefit. They (the National Team) just got in from the West Coast last night. Now our team sees how people get up to play us. We had the emotional edge. They might have been sluggish. Maybe they didn't expect us to get up and down the floor against them like we did. They can learn from this game, and we can learn from this game."

(*on Kara Lawson*) "Kara is a great offensive player. She is definitely a weapon. She has a competitive spirit and a desire to make plays. I said going into that last play that we can go with Catchings or Lawson. We made a lot of big plays today, but she made them when we needed them the most."

(*on Semeka Randall and Tamika Catchings*) "Randall and Catchings were everywhere. They made a lot of hustle plays. They wanted this game. They played hard at both ends of the court.

"Michelle Snow was in awe of playing against Lisa Leslie. I told her that if she went out there with that attitude, she (Leslie) would get 60 off of her. These players have grown up with Dawn Staley at point guard. I know Kara Lawson has talked about that. I think it's all about respect. They're appreciative of the impact that these players (National Team) have had on the game. I think respect fired our players up as well as the challenge of playing them."

(*on whether this game raises her expectations*) "It raises our expectations for practice tomorrow. I saw intensity out there today, and I expect to see it tomorrow, and Tuesday, and Wednesday. They have Thursday off."

(*on bench play*) "I was pleased with our bench. April (McDivitt) did a nice job at the point. Kyra Elzy came off the bench and had some good minutes, particularly on defense. Shalon (Pillow) had some good minutes. We're going to need those minutes if we're going to run at that pace."

Kara Lawson knocks home the game-winner against TEAM USA. Photos by Steve Carringer

SEMEKA RANDALL: "We went into this game to win. We mean business. This is a good way to kick off our season. Our expectations are high. Now we just need to sustain it."

KARA LAWSON: "Coach (Summitt) said that we were going with a two-man (offense). Catch (Tamika Catchings) had been setting great screens all day. I took it hard to the baseline, but Coach said to pull up for the J, and it hit off the glass.

"There are no trophies for this game. This is just a good way to kick off our season. We can't have a letdown. We've got Louisiana Tech next week, and we've got to go into it with the same intensity.

"Every time we step across the line, we've got to go out there with the idea that we're the best team out there. My dad has always instilled the idea in me that I'm the best player out on the court. It doesn't matter that we're playing Lisa Leslie or Dawn Staley or whoever. We can't be worried that they beat UCLA by 67 points. We've got to go in with the mentality that we're going to win the game."

TAMIKA CATCHINGS: "We didn't start off strong on offense. We missed our first nine shots. Our defense led to our offense, and we picked it up. Going into the game as underdogs helped a lot.

"Our defensive intensity was amazing. Pat was worried about it (going into the game). But we came out and proved her wrong."

USA NATIONAL COACH NELL FORTNER: "Congrats to the Lady Vols. I thought they played outstanding. Their defensive pressure was phenomenal and it totally took us out of our game. The defensive pressure is a trademark of Pats' teams and they had an excellent game. Today was their day and hopefully we will take this game and learn from it and move forward.

"We don't like to lose but we are training. We are trying to get better and we're not there yet or any where close. It's fine to lose as long as you learn in the process, and as long as you don"t lose in Sydney. We didn't respond and react well to UT's pressure defense. I didn't think we scored well with our post game, we didn't take advantage of getting the ball inside to our post and be able to finish shots."

NIKKI McCRAY: "Tennessee is known for its defense and I thought they did a lot of things and we just didn't have it today. We turned the ball over and Tennessee played really well today."

CHAMIQUE HOLDSCLAW: "I was definitely for the U.S. team today, but I couldn't help but root for Tennessee.

"To see those freshman go out there with no fear makes me proud to know that this is where I'm from and to see those kids coming in and playing so hard."

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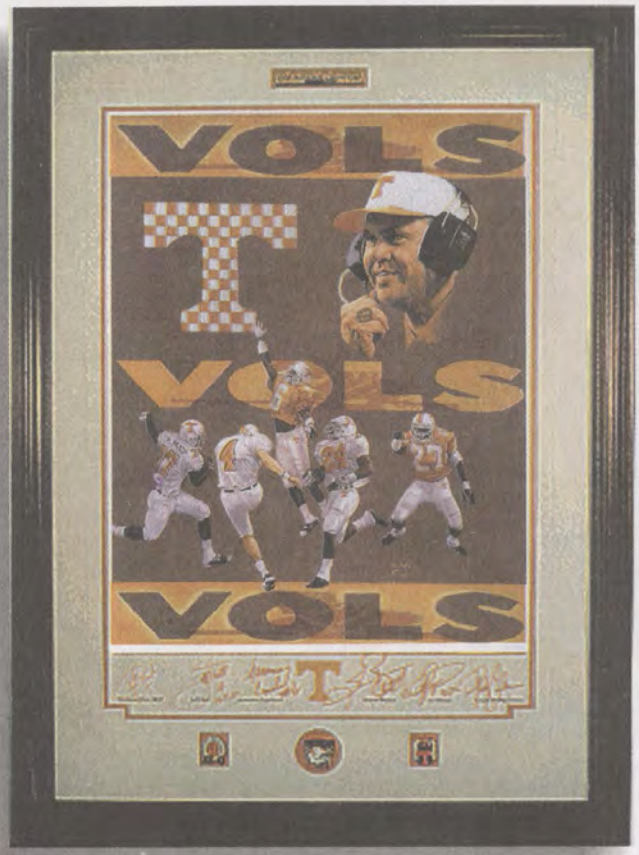

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Christmas in Puerto Rico

The men's basketball team will venture to Puerto Rico Dec. 20-23 and wants you to come along. This is a charter trip which will include three nights' lodging at the team hotel, round trip charter air transportation, all motorcoach transfers, gratuities, pre-tournament party, tickets for all games of the tournament, escort by a qualified travel representative and a special trip souvenir. For more information, please contact Claire Stone at (865) 974-1218.

Free Basketball Parking

Free parking, as well as a free shuttle, will be available to all motorists who park at the Agricultural campus, a service courtesy of the University of Tennessee Athletic Department.

Season Basketball Parking

A few lots will be kept available during the weeknight games for staff/student parking only for those who attend evening classes. These lots are primarily located around the Hill, including Staff 9 and 9A, as well as 5B (the small lot situated between Alumni Gym and Neyland Stadium). For more information, contact Parking Services at (865) 974-6031.

VASF Fund Drive Workers Needed

The end of the calendar year is nearly here. The VASF will soon begin its annual Fund Drive, a two-month campaign to increase membership in the VASF, as well as to encourage current members to raise their levels of giving. Various rewards and other benefits await those who answer the call to be a fund drive worker. Workers are divided into teams by geographic regions and compete for individual and team prizes. The grand prize team gets the opportunity to run through the 'T' with the Tennessee Volunteers at a home football game for the 2000 season. The first-place team wins the right to travel to a Vol road game next fall. For more information, or to sign up to be worker, contact Bill Myers in the VASF office at (865) 974-1218.

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VASF Collegiate Club Corner

The VASF Collegiate Club, comprised of those Tennessee students who are active members in the VASF while still in school, is preparing to gear up for another basketball season as well as continuing to support the football team in its quest for a BCS bowl bid.

Club members create the various signs that hang in the north end zone and around the rails of the Arena for various Volunteer home events. They also distribute shakers within the student section at all home and within designated Tennessee sections at away contests.

This past weekend 20 lucky members traveled the 720 miles due west to Fayetteville, Ark., to watch the Vols match up with the Razorbacks. Club members distributed nearly 4,000 shakers among the Tennessee faithful upon arrival. On the way back, VASF CC members stopped in Memphis Saturday night to experience all the Bluff City has to offer.

Contact Marc Gibson in the VASF office at (865) 974-1218 for more information about the club, on how to join or if you are interested in shaker sponsorships for basketball or for next football season.

The VASF CC web page is also up and running. It can be accessed by typing http://web.utk.edu/~volpep into your browser. Check it out.

The Dasani Volunteer Village

This conglomeration of games, vendors, live entertainment and good food is still growing. The Humanities and Social Science lawn area (across from the Torchbearer) will host this event. The Village will begin at 10 a.m. for the final home football game of the season. Enter off Volunteer Boulevard.

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Basketball Season Tickets & Big Game Packs

Help *Crash the Party* this winter with the Tennessee men's basketball team. Coming off back-to-back 20-win seasons, head coach Jerry Green promises another exciting year, from the beaches of Puerto Rico to the hoopla surrounding the NCAA Tournament. The Vols' actions surrounding the turn of the millennium promise to turn some heads. There are two ticket packages available.

The first is the Full Season Pack. This is a season ticket to all 18 home games on the Vols' schedule in 1999-2000, including SEC foes Auburn, Kentucky and Arkansas. Full Season Packs are $208 each.

The other ticket, designed for those who can't make many midweek games, is the Big Game Pack. It includes four games (three on Saturdays) and features SEC opponents Mississippi, South Carolina, Florida and Kentucky. Big Game Packs are $48 each.

Contact the Ticket office at (865) 656-1200 for ticket brochures and order information.

WVLT Schedule Magnet Night

The Tennessee home basketball game against Elon (Nov. 22) will be WVLT Schedule Magnet night, with the first 5,000 Volunteer fans through the gates receiving a free 1999-2000 men's basketball schedule magnet.

Turkey, Basketball & Football

Vol fans, mark your calendars now for one wild holiday weekend. First, the basketball team hosts UNC-Asheville Wed., Nov. 24 (the day before Thanksgiving), then the basketball team plays Long Island Fri., Nov. 26. Following that will be the football game against Vanderbilt Sat. Nov. 27. The Nov. 26 game against Long Island will also be "show your Vandy ticket night," as all Vol fans showing a valid ticket for Saturday's Tennessee-Vanderbilt football game will receive an opportunity to purchase two basketball tickets for the price of one. Contact the Ticket office at (865) 656-1200 for more details.

—Steve Sams

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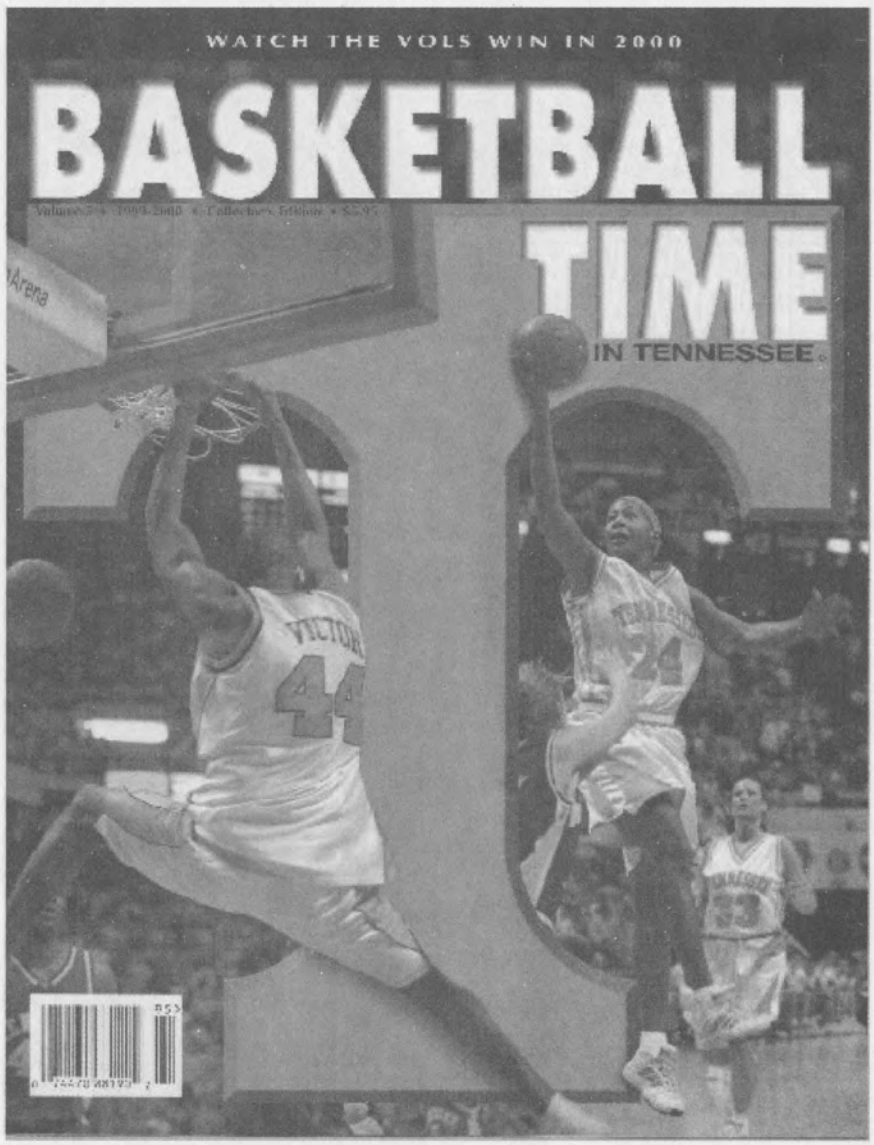

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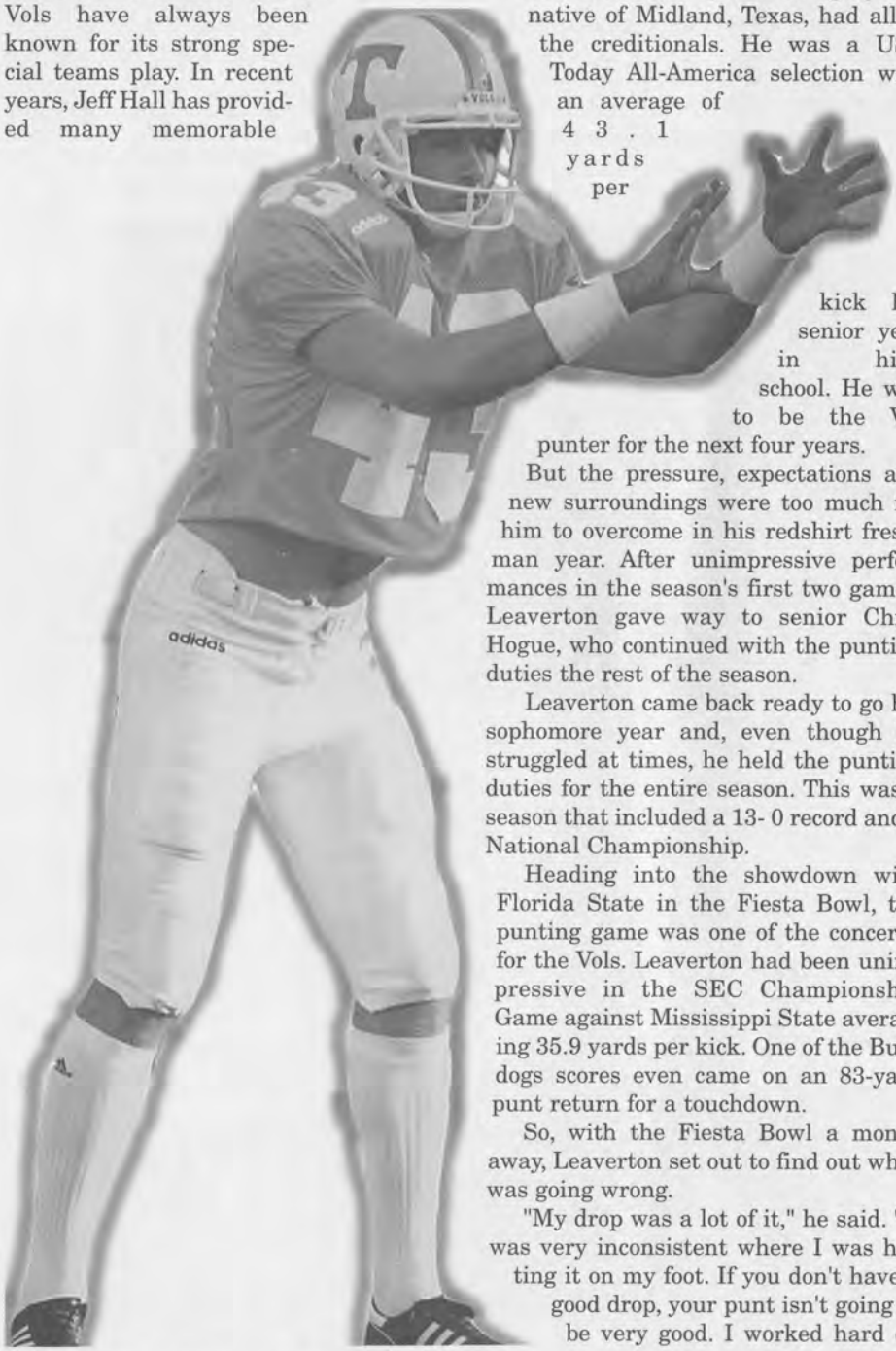
David Leaverton...

Nothing to Kick About

Among the many things Gen. Neyland is remembered for is the importance he placed on the kicking game. That tradition has continued to strive at Tennessee, and the Vols have always been known for its strong special teams play. In recent years, Jeff Hall has provided many memorable moments with his right leg, and Tom Hutton pushed opponents back with his punting.



David Leaverton came to campus in 1996 ready to carry on that legacy. The native of Midland, Texas, had all of the creditionals. He was a USA Today All-America selection with an average of 43.1 yards per kick his senior year in high school. He was to be the Vol punter for the next four years.

But the pressure, expectations and new surroundings were too much for him to overcome in his redshirt freshman year. After unimpressive performances in the season's first two games, Leaverton gave way to senior Chris Hogue, who continued with the punting duties the rest of the season.

Leaverton came back ready to go his sophomore year and, even though he struggled at times, he held the punting duties for the entire season. This was a season that included a 13- 0 record and a National Championship.

Heading into the showdown with Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl, the punting game was one of the concerns for the Vols. Leaverton had been unimpressive in the SEC Championship Game against Mississippi State averaging 35.9 yards per kick. One of the Bulldogs scores even came on an 83-yard punt return for a touchdown.

So, with the Fiesta Bowl a month away, Leaverton set out to find out what was going wrong.

"My drop was a lot of it," he said. "It was very inconsistent where I was hitting it on my foot. If you don't have a good drop, your punt isn't going to be very good. I worked hard on improving that."

Leaverton did just that.

After a first punt of 28 yards, he boomed kicks of 47 and 42 yards. His fourth punt of the game only went 29 yards but it was effective. It was downed at the Seminole 9-yard line, putting 91 yards between them and the end zone. His final punt traveled 44 yards but that only tells part of the story. It was downed at the Seminole 1-yard line, putting 99 yards between them and the endzone.

"He really stepped up," head coach Phillip Fulmer said in the days following the game. "Thank goodness he stepped up. That play shocked me as much as anything that happened in the game. Our punter tackled Peter Warrick in the open field. You just don't expect that."

Fulmer is referring to the tackle Leaverton made on one of the most elusive runners in college football. The Vols were forced to punt from their own 31-yard line in the second quarter. Leaverton's punt settled in the arms of Warrick at the Seminole 22-yard line. Warrick darted through the Vol defenders and found himself with one man to beat. That one man was Leaverton.

Then at the Tennessee 27-yard line, Leaverton made the touchdown-saving tackle. Even with good field position, the Seminoles had to settle for a field goal.

"If you let a guy like him make a move on you, he's going to juke you 10 times out of 10," Leaverton said. "I just figured I had one shot, jumped at him and laid a lick on him."

Leaverton's solid performance in the Fiesta Bowl certainly played a role in the Vols 23-16 victory. But his play also is helping the Vols this season. His play in that game was a confidence-booster for him that has carried on throughout the 1999 season.

"The Fiesta Bowl did wonders for my confidence," he said. "But I've also been able to get my technique down, and experience always helps, too."

Leaverton ranks second in the SEC with a 42.6 yard average per kick which ranks him 22nd in the nation.

"I think it just takes time to get experience," he said. "You have to get a few years under your belt. That's just one of the main differences. I feel very comfortable back there. I'm very relaxed and I'm kicking the ball like I knew I was going to when I came here."

The tough times were hard to go through but Leaverton believes they only made him better.

"The biggest change from the then to now is the maturing process," Leaverton said. "Whenever you go through trials and tough times - I call it going through the fire - you get tougher."

But the hard times were mentally tough.

"I doubted my ability a little bit," he said. "But I had confidence that I could recover out of the slump and I knew what I was doing wrong.

"It was hard to come out here day after day after averaging 37 or 38 yards a kick when I knew I could be averaging in the mid 40s."

A question mark at the beginning of the season has turned into an advantage for the Vols.

"The guy is not just a good punter or kicker," Fulmer said. "He's a difference in a ballgame."

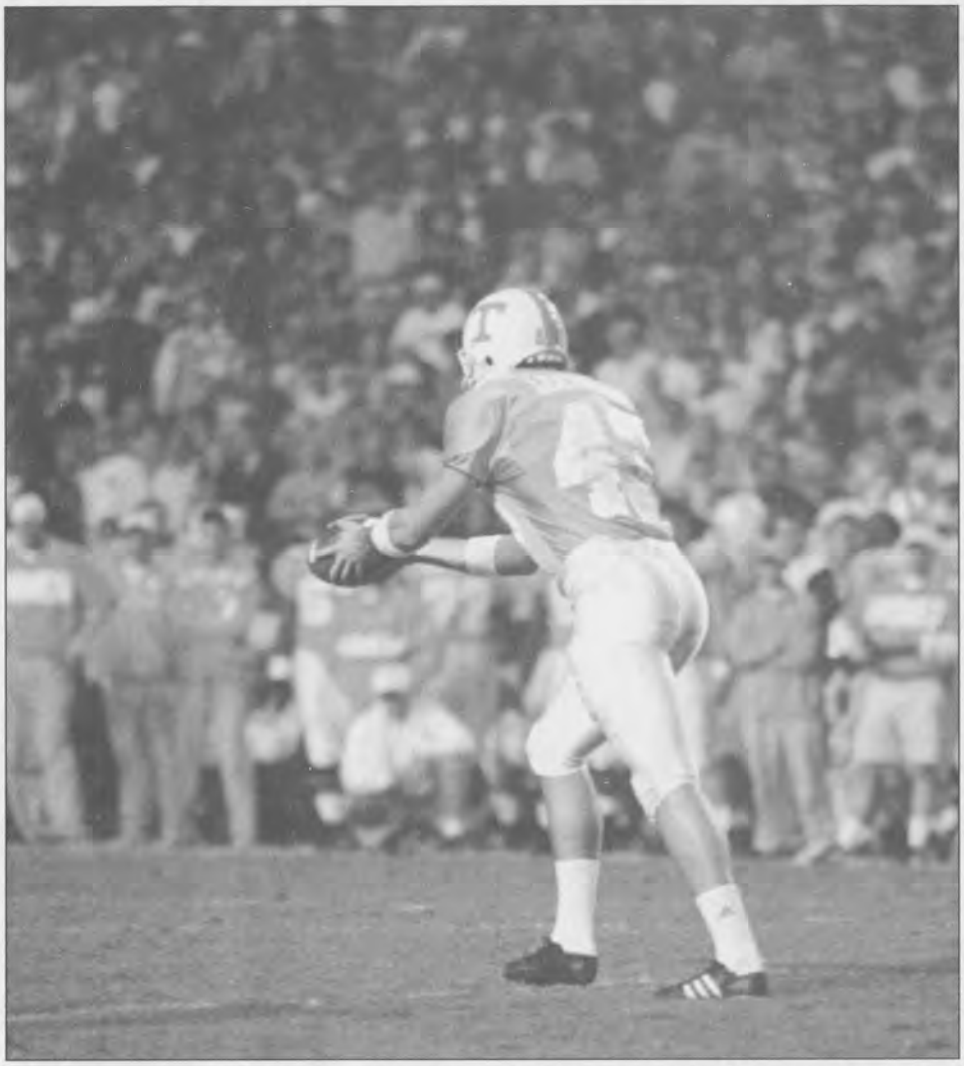
Leaverton' s defensive teammates are aware of the impact he is having has well.

"Putting the other team back in a hole has been great for field position," defensive back Fred White said. "It has helped us out a whole lot. It helps when the other teams start inside the 20. It is a great motivating factor to see the other team backed up."

Leaverton's impact was felt in the 21-7 victory over Alabama as well. The Crimson Tide started every one of its drives inside its own 35-yard line.

"I really thought the kicking game was the difference in the ball game," Leaverton said after the game. "The difference in our punting average and their punting average was about seven or eight yards, and that allowed our defense to keep them bottled up.

"Making our opponents drive 80 yards instead of 50 is just a huge advantage."



David Leaverton shows the form that has made him a key part of Tennessee's success this season.

This success Leaverton having now is just more enjoyable considering the trials and tribulations he had to go through.

"It makes it all the more sweeter that I've gone through such tough times and had to persevere through those," he said. "I've waited out the storm and being here to see this is worth it all."

David Leaverton has found out its always darkest before the dawn and he has emerged into the bright sunlight, making a positive impact on Vol fortunes this season. His performance this year is nothing to kick at.

—Rob Hardin

Year	Punts	Yards	Avg.	Long
1999*	42	1789	42.6	56-Notre Dame
1998	56	2178	38.9	61-Florida
1997	8	291	36.4	71-UCLA
	106	4258	40.2	71-UCLA

*Eight games

Faces in Big Orange Country

She has been dancing since she was 2-years-old, and now **Sarah Goschy** is completing her fourth year on the University of Tennessee Dance Team. The senior from Farragut is majoring in language and world business at The University. She knew she was going to attend UT and her abilities as a dancer led her to try out for the dance squad. She chose the dance team because having "the opportunity to participate in games and dance for an athletic department and fans that are so supportive provides the best experience for me." In her spare time, Goschy directs and choreographs musical theatrical camps in Orlando, Fla., and she is in her third year as a staff instructor for the Universal Dance Association (UCA).

Sophomore **Shannon McMahon** performed well for the Orange and White during the fall portion of the Lady Vol rowing campaign. The 4-11 coxswain steered her boats to top finishes at every race in which she competed. Her Championship 8+ shell took first (15:45.51) at the Chattanooga Head Race to begin the season. Again at the reigns of the Championship 8+, her boat finished in sixth place (19:46.40) in a field of 21 at the Head of the Chattahoochee, and in the final event of the fall season, her crew took fifth (19:31.50) at the Chattahoochee Chase in Gainesville, Ga. McMahon is a nursing major from Longwood, Fla.

Freshman **Kara Lawson** has definitely made her presence known in Rocky Top following the Lady Vols' 65-64 win over the US National team Nov. 7. Her 14 points in 25 minutes of action were instrumental in the victory. None of those 14 were more instrumental than her final two, as her driving jumper with nine seconds remaining in the second half gave UT a one point lead and the win. Lawson, measuring in at 5-9, is from Alexandria, Va., was named the 1999 Naismith High School Player of the Year while at West Springfield High. Her team recorded a perfect 30-0 mark as she averaged 25.6 points, 9.5 rebounds and 8.2 assists per game during her Senior campaign.

This redshirt freshman from Sacramento Calif., has provided a needed lift in the Vol wide receiver corps. **Donte' Stallworth** scored his first career TD against Notre Dame after coming close the week before against South Carolina. Stallworth has played in all eight games on the season with 13 receptions for 277 yards and the one score. During Stallworth's senior year in high school he recorded 56 catches for 1289 yards and 23 scores. He was an All-State selection and a USA Today honorable mention All-American as a defensive back where he recorded 77 tackles and four interceptions. On special teams he averaged 31 yards per kick-off return and 27 yards per punt return..

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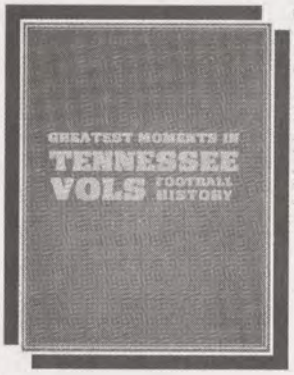

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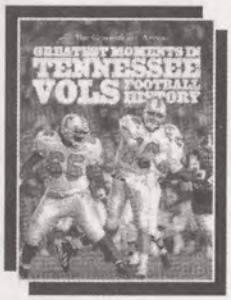

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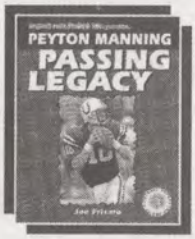

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A Look Back at the 1959 LSU Game

The day was Nov. 7, 1959, a little more than 40 years ago. The site was Shields-Watkins Field on the UT campus in Knoxville. It was Homecoming on the Hill and a sellout crowd of more than 47,000 fans was in place to see one of the infrequent games between Tennessee and LSU.

LSU was the defending national champion and had not given up a touchdown the entire season. It was clear and cold in Knoxville, with a kickoff temperature of 40 degrees.

This day was destined to belong to the warriors in Orange and White. The final score read Tennessee 14, LSU 13, in one of the most famous games in Tennessee football history.

The Vols won their last of 72 wins in the decade of the 1950s in the best tradition of Tennessee football, with a swarming, play-for-the-breaks defense, and by capitalizing on two key opportunities that came their way. They also had a little help from those Orange-shirted ghosts of big plays past, which seem to inhabit Shields-Watkins Field and Gen. Neyland's Stadium to this day.

It's a game best remembered, perhaps, for just one play -- a play everyone in the stands and on the field seemed to know was coming.

The play was eventual Heisman Trophy winner BIlly Cannon's attempt for a two-point conversion in the early stages of the fourth quarter. As any Vol fan can tell you, whether they were at the game or not, Wayne Grubb, Charley Severance and the late Bill Majors stopped Cannon just short of the promised land at the northeast corner of the field. "The Stop," as it is popularly known, has been immortalized in photo, particularly in *Sports Illustrated,* and as a framed print. You can see this photo in offices and dens across Tennessee. It's an integral part of the Tennessee tradition.

To set the scene, LSU came to Knoxville the week after Cannon's famous Halloween punt return, an 89-yarder against Ole Miss in a 7-3 victory. It was in Paul Dietzel's heyday, in the days of the "Go Team," the "White Team" and the "Chinese Bandits."

The Vols had won four, lost one and tied one going into the LSU game. Bowl talk abounded in Knoxville. In addition, the cognoscenti, the famous "Gay Street quarterbacks," who seemed to know everything about Vol fortunes seemingly in advance, knew one thing for sure. Tennessee was going to beat LSU.

The oddsmakers felt differently. Despite having never won in Knoxville and having beaten the Vols only once in 12 tries to that time, the Tigers were a solid favorite.

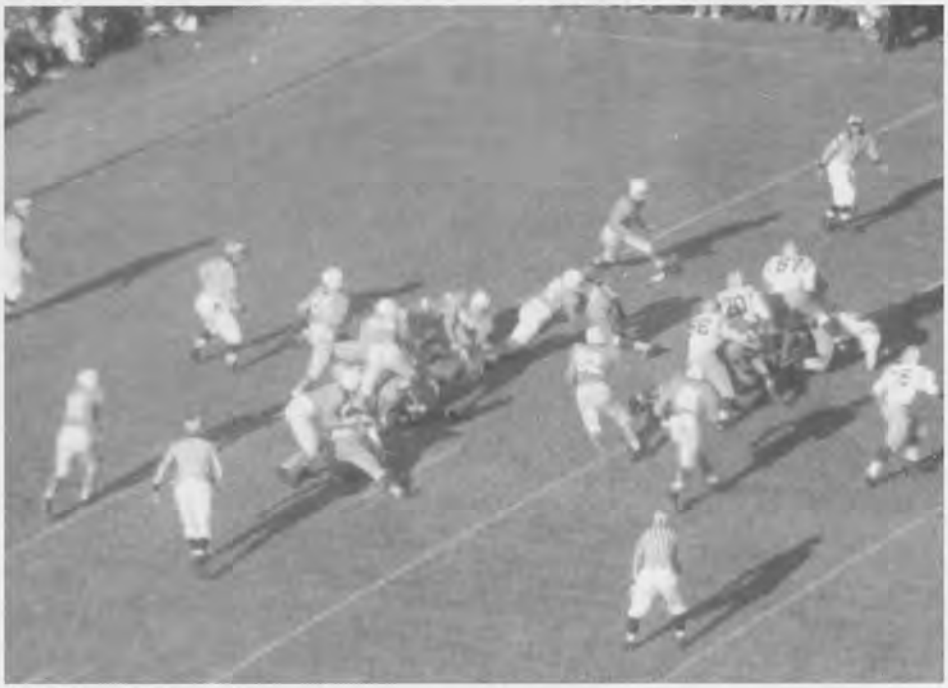
There were no call-in radio shows in those days. The term "legions of the miserable" had not yet been coined. ESPN had not been thought of and there's no telling what the "Music Man" and "Mr. Basketball" were doing that day in Chattanooga or wherever. It was in the days that the newspaper listed the radio schedule much the way they do television today.

LSU led 7-0 at the half, but had missed a number of golden opportunities to expand their lead. Early in the third quarter, LSU got the ball at the 29 heading to the south end and Vol fans expected the worst. Tiger QB Warren Rabb hit Cannon for 14 and the powerful tailback went over guard for 15 more.

What happened was an amazing turnaround. Rabb threw for Cannon in the right flat, but the Vols' Jim Cartwright, a blocking back and linebacker from Athens, made the interception right in front of Dietzel and headed goalward down the west sideline.

Newspaper reports indicated that, at that point, the tomblike stadium erupted into "one of the great ovations ever" and the fans were back in the game. Cotton Letner booted the extra point and the game was tied.

In the best Vol tradition, the Vols followed up that break with another. Tiger Fullback Earl Gros fumbled after a 7-yard gain and Ken Sadler recovered for



Billy Cannon heads goalward on the fateful 2-point play in the 1959 LSU game. This picture was taken directly from the Vol game film of 40 years ago.

Tennessee head coach Bowden Wyatt (left) and Jim Cartwright celebrate the thrill of a victory over LSU.

the Vols at the LSU 29. Four plays later, fullback Neyle Sollee rumbled 14 yards for the go-ahead score. It was 14-7 at the break between the third and fourth quarters.

The fourth quarter was a battle, as the Vols hung on grimly and the Bengals searched in vain for eight or more points, throwing everything it had against the Vol defense. Each play was an Armageddon of sorts, with Vol fans perhaps wondering when the vaunted LSU strength was going to finally assert itself.

But the Vols held their ground. LSU appeared headed for a go-ahead score when Vol captain and tackle Joe Schaffer threw Rabb for a loss on a third-and-15 play. But the Tigers got a break when Cannon's ensuing punt hit Majors on the shoulder and LSU got the spheroid at the Vol 2.

It took three plays, but Tiger sub QB Durriel Matherne scored on a sneak and made it 14-13. It was decision time for Dietzel.

There was really no decision to be made. The national championship was on the line. It was a pitch right, a play diagrammed in Knoxville papers earlier in the week, one which looked like it would make the end zone, minus the Orange and White squares, easily, but nothing comes easy in Knoxville against the Volunteers. Cannon got the ball, the Vols made the stop and that was that, so the popular mythology goes.

There was more drama to come, but the Vols were up to the task. Jack Kile recovered one Tiger fumble at the Vol 16, Cartwright had an interception off Matherne and, in the final seconds, the Vols stopped the Tigers at midfield and had the game in their collective pockets.

About the pivotal play, Severance, a Vol DB, explained what happened. "I moved almost to the linebacker spot because I knew Cannon would get the ball. That game is still an item of discussion among Tennessee and LSU people. Several years ago, I presented Cannon a picture of the play at the Knoxville Quarterback Club. *Sports Illustrated* called it "The Day the Cannon Didn't Fire."

Cannon was tight-lipped about the play and the officials' decision. "If you fellows don't mind," he told the assembled scribes, and a few Pharisees perhaps, "I'd rather not say anything. I just don't feel up to it." He would later say, "I'll go to my grave believing I was over."

Former LSU coach Charley McClendon, a Dietzel assistant in 1959, said there was no way Cannon wouldn't get the ball. "We would have been run out of the state of Louisiana if we hadn't given him the ball," he said. "Can you imagine what would have happened had we given the ball to someone else and he hadn't made it."

The years have not diminished the magnitude of this game. As Severance once pointed out, if everyone who said they were at the 1959 LSU game had actually been there, the attendance would have been like one of today's games, rather than the announced 47,000.

That's tradition, folks.

—Tom Mattingly

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